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SUBJECT: PRIMIN TANAKA REORGANIZES CABINET NOVEMBER 25

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SUDDEN DEATH OF KEY CABINET MINISTER KIICHI AICHI FRIDAY NIGHT, PRIMIN KAKUEI TANAKA RESOLVED TO REORGANIZE HIS CABINET AND DID SO, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MINISTERS IN THIRD TANAKA CABINET ATTESTED NOVEMBER 25. AGES GIVEN IN PARENTHESES AND MINISTERS RETAINED IN PREVIOUS POSITION MARKED (X).

PRIME MINISTER (X)	KAKUEI TANAKA (55)
JUSTICE MINISTER	UMEKICHI NAKAMURA (72)
FOREIGN MINISTER (X)	MASAYOSHI OHIRA (63)
FINANCE MINISTER	TAKEO FUKUDA (68)
EDUCATION MINISTER (X)	SEISUKE OKUNO (60)
HEALTH-WELFARE MINISTER (X)	KUNIKICHI SAITO (64)
AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER	TADAO KURAISHI (73)
INTL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER (X)	YASHUHIRO NAKASONE (55)
(ALSO IN CHARGE INTL OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPOSITION, OKINAWA 1975)	

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TRANSPORT MINISTER	MASATOSHI TOKUNAGA (60)
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(ALSO IN CHARGE NEW TOKYO INTL AIRPORT)
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MINISTER KEN HARADA (54)
LABOR MINISTER TAKASHI HASEGAWA (61)
CONSTRUCTION MINISTER TAKAO KAMEOKA (53)
(ALSO CHAIRMAN, CAPITOL REGION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION)
HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER KINGO MACHIMURA (73)
(ALSO CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SAFETY COMMISSION, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL,
HOKKAIDO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (X) TAKEO MIKI (66)
(ALSO DIRECTOR GENERAL, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY)
CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY (X) SUSUMU NIKAIDO (64)
DIRECTOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE TOKOSABURO KOSAKA (57)
(ALSO DIRECTOR GENERAL, OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)
DIRECTOR GENERAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY SHIGERU HORI (71)
DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEFENSE
AGENCY (X) SADANORI YAMANAKA (52)
DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC PLANNING
AGENCY TSUNEO UCHIDA (66)
DIRECTOR GENERAL, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AGENCY KINJI MORIYAMA (56)
DIRECTOR, CABINET LEGISLATIVE
BUREAU (X) ICHIRO YOSHIKUNI (57)

2. PRIMIN TANAKA ALSO REORGANIZED TOP LDP OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS.
AGES GIVEN IN PARENTHESES AND OFFICIALS RETAINED IN PREVIOUS
POSITION MARKED (X).

VICE PRESIDENT (X) ETSUSABURO SHIINA (75)
SECRETARY GENERAL (X) TOMISABURO HASHIMOTO (72)
CHAIRMAN, POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH
COUNCIL MIKIO MIZUTA (68)
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (X) ZENKO SUZUKI (62)

3. BIO DATA FOR NEW FACES IN CABINET FOLLOWS:

(A) MINISTER OF JUSTICE - UMEKICHI NAKAMURA, 72,
NAKASONE FACTION. VETERAN CABINET MEMBER, NAKAMURA HAS SERVED
AS JUSTICE, CONSTRUCTION, AND EDUCATION MINISTER OVER LAST 20
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YEARS. ELECTED 12 TIMES TO LOWER HOUSE FROM TOKYO FIFTH DISTRICT,
HE HAS HELD VARIETY OF PARTY POSTS AND HAS LONG BEEN INFLUENTIAL
IN PARTY AFFAIRS. HE IS CREDITED WITH HAVING PLAYED A KEY ROLE
IN MOLDING THE FOUR FACTION ALLIANCE (TANAKA, OHIRA, MIKI,
AND NAKASONE) WHICH PERMITTED TANAKA TO DEFEAT FUKUDA IN THE 1972
LDP PRESIDENCY ELECTION. IN DECEMBER 1972, NAKAMURA WAS CHOSEN
SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BUT IN MAY 1973 WAS FORCED
TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF ILL-ADVISED STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD

DECEIVED OPPOSITION PARTIES DURING MEDIATION EFFORT TO RESUME STALLED DIET PROCEEDINGS.

(B) MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS - KEN HARADA, TR, MIZUTA FACTION. CAREER POLITICIAN, HE HAS BEEN ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE EIGHT TIMES FROM OSAKA THIRD DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER OF TANAKA FACTION, HE HAS BEEN ON CLOSE TERMS WITH TANAKA FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND IT WAS REPORTEDLY ON TANAKA'S RECOMMENDATION THAT HE WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION IN 1968. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP'S POLICY AFFAIRS

RESEARCH COUNCIL. ONE OF YOUNGEST MEMBERS IN NEW CABINET LINE-UP, HARADA IS DESCRIBED AS BRIGHT, HARD-WORKING, AND HAVING ENGAGING PERSONALITY.

(C) LABOR MINISTER - TAKASHI HASEGAWA, 61, ISHII FACTION. ALTHOUGH HE HAS HELD SERIES OF TOP LEVEL POSTS IN LDP, THIS IS FIRST TIME HASEGAWA HAS BEEN NAMED TO CABINET. HIGHEST PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION WAS PARLIAMENTARY VICE EDUCATION MINISTER IN EARLY 1960'S. REPRESENTING MIYAGI PREFECTURE CONSTITUENCY, HE HAS BEEN RETURNED TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SEVEN TIMES. HASAGAWA IS DESCRIBED AS CHEERFUL, TALKATIVE, AND POSSESSING POLITICAL ACUMEN. HE HAS DISTINCTION OF BEING JAILED DURING WORLD WAR TWO FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT AGAINST GENERAL TOJO.

(D) DIRECTOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE - TOKUSABURO KOSAKA, 57, NO FACTIONAL AFFILIATION. WEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL FORMER CHEMICAL COMPANY PRESIDENT, KOSAKA IS RELATIVE NEWCOMER TO POLITICS AND IS NOW ONLY IN SECOND TERM IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF FORMER EPA DIRECTOR GENERAL ZENTARO KOSAKA. HIGHLY CRITICAL OF LDP'S QTE ANTIQUATED STRUCTURE UNQTE, KOSAKA HAS SOUGHT TO DEVELOP HIS OWN SUPRA-CONFIDENTIAL

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FACTIONAL GROUPING TO STUDY URBAN PROBLEMS (WITH SOMEWHAT ANTI-FUKUDA CAST) AND RECENTLY HAS ADVOCATED GREATER LDP RESPONSIVENESS TO NEEDS OF URBAN POPULATION. KOSAKA IS BOTH AMBITIOUS AND ABLE AND IS MENTIONED FROM TIME TO TIME AS POSSIBLE FUTURE PRIME MINISTER.

(E) HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER - KINGO MACHIMURA, 73, ISHII FACTION. ALSO CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SAFETY COMMISSION, AND CHAIRMAN, HOKKAIDO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. ELECTED TO FIRST TERM IN UPPER HOUSE 1971. STRONGLY CONSERVATIVE AND TRADITIONALIST, MACHIMURA BRINGS TO OFFICE PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE GAINED AS PRE-WAR CAREER POLICE OFFICIAL IN OLD HOME MINISTRY, COMBINED WITH CONSIDERABLE

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SUCCESS IN SECOND CAREER AS ELECTED OFFICIAL, WHICH HE BEGAN WHEN PEACE TREATY ABSOLVED HIM FROM GENERAL OCCUPATION PURGE OF ALL PRE-WAR GOJ OFFICIALS. PERHAPS BEST KNOWN FOR WINNING ELECTION AS GOVERNOR OF HOKKAIDO (WHICH HIS FAMILY HELPED PIONEER) THREE TERMS (1959-71) AND IN PROCESS LARGELY ELIMINATING ENTRENCHED PROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE FROM PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS QTE SOCIALIST KINGDOM UNQTE. ALSO SERVED FOUR TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE (1952-59). MACHIMURA CREDITED BY INSIDERS WITH PERSONALLY SAFEGUARDING EMPEROR'S RECORDED SURRENDER RESCRIPT FROM ARMY FANATICS LAST NIGHT OF WAR 1945. PARTICIPATED IN US-JAPAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE IN US 1964, AND HAS FOSTERED US-JAPAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. BEFORE JOINING CABINET, SERVED ON UPPER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE, AND AS CHAIRMAN, LDP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

(F) DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY -TSUNEO UCHIDA, 66, OHIRA FACTION. FORMER HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER IN LAST SATO CABINET, UCHIDA HAD LONG CAREER IN FINANCE MINISTRY BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS IN 1952. HIGHLY RESPECTED AS EXPERT IN FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HE IS CONSIDERED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS TO BE RIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE. FORMER PROTEGE OF HAYATO IKEDA, UCHIDA HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF LDP COMMISSION ON TAX SYSTEM AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL. HE IS KNOWN TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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STAUNCH ADVOCATE OF PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S TAX REDUCTION PLAN, WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY NEW FINANCE MINISTER FUKUDA. UCHIDA HAS WON ELECTION TO LOWER HOUSE FROM YAMANASHI PREFECTURE EIGHT TIMES.

(G) DIRECTOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - SHIGERU HORI, 71, FUKUDA FACTION. WELL KNOWN AS FORMER CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY UNDER PRIMIN SATO, HORI HAS MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE SINCE SERVING AS CHIEF OF STAFF IN TAKEO FUKUDA'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO WIN LDP PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION JULY 1971. HORI CREDITED WITH MAINTAINING RELATIONS BETWEEN FUKUDA AND PRIMIN TANAKA. NOW SERVING ELEVENTH TERM IN LOWER HOUSE FROM SAGA PREFECTURE DISTRICT, HORI MADE SECOND FOREIGN VISIT OF LIFE LATE MAY 1973 WHEN HE NAMED TO REPRESENT GOJ AT ARGENTINE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION. HORI TOOK WIFE ALONG ON HER FIRST TRIP ABROAD BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SHOW HER SIGHTS IN US ON RETURN.

(H) CONSTRUCTION MINISTER - TAKAO KAMEOKA, 53, TANAKA FACTION. ENTERED POLITICS AFTER WAR AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FORMER WELFARE MINISTER YOSHIO WATANABE (DECEASED) WHO WAS RELATED TO HIS WIFE. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE FIVE TERMS FROM FUKUSHIMA FIRST DISTRICT, BEGINNING 1960. FAITHFUL MEMBER OF OLD SATO FACTION, HE JOINED TANAKA FACTION 1971. SERVED AS LDP FINANCE BUREAU CHIEF, LDP COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN LDP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE, AND DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY IN SATO CABINET (1967). CONSIDERED TO BE SIMPLE AND SINCERE, HE HAS REPUTATION FOR MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS. CHILDLESS, HE WAS ONCE REPORTED TO COMPENSATE BY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUNG FARMERS IN HIS DISTRICT EVERY SUNDAY. GRADUATE OF MILITARY ACADEMY (53RD CLASS), KAMEOKA COMMANDED MACHINE GUN COMPANY IN COMBAT IN JAVA, GUADALCANAL, BOUGAINVILLE, BURMA, AND INDOCHINA; WOUNDED NINE TIMES. ONLY 7 OTHER MEMBERS OF 120-MAN COMPANY SURVIVED WAR.

(I) DIRECTOR GENERAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, AND CHAIRMAN, JAEC - KINJI MORIYAMA, 56, MIKI FACTION. ASPIRING DIPLOMAT, JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY ON GRADUATION TOKYO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY, BUT RAN FOR LOWER HOUSE FROM TOCHIGI FIRST DISTRICT IN 1949 AND HAS BEEN ELECTED TO EIGHT TERMS SINCE. AS SPECIAL PLEADER FOR TOBACCO FARMERS OF TOCHIGI, HE HAS LED OPPOSITION TO LDP PLAN TO FREE TOBACCO FROM GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY. FORMERLY SERVED
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AS VICE CHAIRMAN, LDP POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL; CHAIRMAN, LOWER HOUSE LABOR-WLEFARE COMMITTEE; CHAIRMAN, LOWER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE; AND PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE AT TIME

OF SELECTION. KNOWN FOR QUICK AND CORRECT JUDGEMENTS.

(J) TRANSPORT MINISTER - MASATOSHI TOKUNAGA, 60, TANAKA FACTION. ELECTED TO UPPER HOUSE THREE TERMS (1959, 1965, 1971) FROM NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY. MEMBER LABOR AND BUDGET COMMITTEES AT TIME OF SELECTION. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS CHAIRMAN OF UPPER HOUSE BUDGET, STEERING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES, AND PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF WELFARE. GRADUATE OF NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL, HE SERVED IN IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY AND AFTER WAR BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL OF ORGANIZATION OF BEREAVED FAMILIES OF WAR DEAD, WHICH HE HELPED FORM. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ENERGETIC POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, SOME PEOPLE NICKNAME HIM QTE LITTLE TANAKA UNQTE.

(K) CHAIRMAN, POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL - MIKIO MIZUTA, 68, LEADER OF OWN FACTION. ELECTED TO TWELVE TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE BY CHIBA THIRD DISTRICT, MIZUTA IS WELL-KNOWN FOR HAVING BEEN GIVEN FINANCE PORTFOLIO FIVE TIMES, BUT ONLY, AS HE HIMSELF SAYS, DURING PERIODS OF CRISIS SUCH AS HE HELPED RESOLVE BY RE-VALUING YEN AT SMITHSONIAN. MIZUTA PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS MITI MINISTER AND DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC DELIBERATION AGENCY (PREDECESSOR OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY), AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN TWICE OF THIS LDP COUNCIL (1966 AND 1970). MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. FAMILIAR BENIGN PROTUBERANCE ON FOREHEAD HAS BEEN REMOVED.
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